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**Testimony Submitted by Commissioner Jim Redeker
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Proposed H.B. 5130 – An Act Concerning the Availability of Parking on the New Haven Line.

The Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) already has an accurate inventory of available parking on the New Haven Line and is currently working on plans to meet the ever increasing demand for parking along the line.

In the 2012 State Rail Plan (SRP), an inventory of spaces and availability was documented. Chapter 4 of the SRP has parking inventories for all stations along the New Haven Line. It also identifies ongoing studies that look at parking expansion where needed:

- South Western Regional Planning Agency (SWRPA) has performed an exhaustive study on the New Haven Line rail parking;
- South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) has prepared their Long Range Transportation Plan 2011-2040 which identifies the parking issues in towns within their region; and
- Greater Bridgeport Regional Council (GBRC) member towns have also updated parking studies which include the parking at rail stations within their towns.

In addition, ConnDOT's Office of Rail in New Haven tracks the parking space inventory and updates this inventory as changes occur.

The Department is diligently working toward addressing some of the most critical shortages, namely at the Stamford Station (parking reconstruction and expansion), and the parking expansion at the Fairfield and West Haven Stations.

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